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Application Number

10/748,174

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December 31, 2003

Inventor(s)

Lukas Trosman et al.

Group Art Unit

3641

Examiner Name

Harvey E. Behrend

Attorney Docket Number

24GA127099

### ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

Fee Transmittal Form

Fee Attached

Amendment

After Final

Affidavits/declaration(s)

Extension of Time Request

Express Abandonment Request

Information Disclosure Statement

Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)

Response to Missing Parts/ Incomplete Application

Response to Missing Parts under 37 CFR 1.52 or 1.53

Assignment Papers  
(for an Application)

Letter to the Official Draftsperson and \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets of Formal Drawing(s)

Licensing-related Papers

Petition

Petition to Convert to a Provisional Application

Power of Attorney, Revocation Change of Correspondence Address

Terminal Disclaimer

Request for Refund

CD, Number of CD(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks

After Allowance Communication to Group

LETTER SUBMITTING APPEAL BRIEF AND APPEAL BRIEF (w/clean version of pending claims)

Appeal Communication to Group (Notice of Appeal, Brief, Reply Brief)

Proprietary Information

Status Letter

Other Enclosure(s)  
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Signature

Date

February 7, 2006



**PATENT**  
24GA127099  
(HDP Ref: 8564-000031/US)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/748,174

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Applicants: Lukas Trosman et al.

Group Art Unit: 3641

Examiner: Alexandra F. Awai

Title: DISTRIBUTED CLUMPING OF PART-LENGTH FUEL RODS FOR  
A REACTOR FUEL BUNDLE

Conf. No. 5555

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Randolph Building  
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Mail Stop Amendment

February 7, 2006

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR §1.111**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 17, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on **page 2** of this paper;

**Remarks** begin on **page 5** of this paper.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
<b>Total</b>	9	-	20	=	0
<b>Independent</b>	3	-	3	=	0